GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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AGRAHAYANA SAKA AWARD BY UNESCO
Kaushal Shri Raghuvir Singh

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians awarded by the UNESCO for their excellent services till date;

(b) whether the Government has filed objections in any case of giving award by the UNESCO; (

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reaction of the UNESCO on the matter? ANSWER

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) Sir, 49 Indian individuals/organisations (excluding Prof. J. S. Rajput) have been awarded by the UNESCO for their excellent services till date.

(b), (c) & (d) No Sir. Government has not filed any objection in respect of any of the awards given to Indian nationals by the UNESCO. However, in August, 2004 , when the 'Jan Amos Comenius Medal' (a joint award by the Czech Republic and the UNESCO presented for excellence in Educational Research) for 2004 was declared to be presented to Shri J.S. Rajput, Ex Director, NCERT, the Ministry of Human Resource Development, had only requested the UNESCO to consider keeping the award in 'abeyance' as there were pending inquiries against him. UNESCO have accordingly kept in abeyance the award of the medal, to Shri J.S. Rajput.